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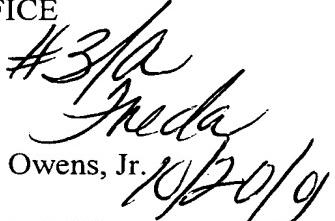
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: David Ringshaw, et al. :

APPLICATION NO.: Express Mail :

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary Amendment

In the Specification, on page 1, between lines 1 and 2 (that is, directly beneath the title sentence), please insert the following paragraph.

-- The present application is a continuation of U.S. application 09/232,298, filed January 15, 1999, and claims priority under 35 USC section 119 of Great Britain application 9801109.1 filed January 20, 1998. The complete text and claims of the 09/232,298 application are incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth. --

Please cancel claims 6-18 without prejudice. A new claim set, consistent with the most recent status of prosecution in parent application 09/232,298, will be submitted shortly.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: _____


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